

PROPOSED COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

For Calendar Year: 2004

Continuing

New X

Previous Year (below line/defer)

Issue: BPAC Review of Major Sidewalk and Bike Lane Closures

Lead Department: Public Works

General Plan Element or Sub-Element: Land Use and Transportation

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has asked for the consideration and study of the possibility of the expansion of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee duties to include the review of all major proposals for closures of sidewalks and bike lanes prior to approval of the closure. The definition of closure in this case would mean the following: closing a portion of the width of a sidewalk so that less than 4 feet of width remains open, or more than half the width of a bike lane, for more than 5 days. If a new policy were to be adopted, staff would present all proposals for bike/pedestrian closures to the BPAC and would explain to the committee what considerations were made to attempt to safely and conveniently provide access for pedestrians and bicyclists. This would include a timetable for closure. Staff would also explain how the traffic control guidelines were planned to be met/enforced throughout the duration of the closure. Suggestions would be gathered from the BPAC - no approval would be required. Ideally, the BPAC's concerns would be addressed and incorporated into staff's approval process for the planned closure.

The issue has been precipitated by the feeling that bicycle and pedestrian access issues are often disregarded by construction contractors and staff.

2. How does this relate to the General Plan or existing City Policy?

City General Plan policy calls for maximizing the provision of bicycle and pedestrian facilities."

3. Origin of issue:

Councilmember: _____

General Plan: _____

Staff: _____

BOARD or COMMISSION

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| Arts | | Housing & Human Svcs |
| Bldg. Code of Appeals | | Library |
| BPAC | X | Parks & Rec. |
| CCAB | | Personnel |
| Heritage & Preservation | | Planning |
| Board / Commission Ranking/Comment: | | |

BPAC Board / Commission ranked 10 of 13

4. Due date for Continuing issues (if known): _____
5. Multiple Year Project? No Expected Year of Completion 2004
6. Estimated work hours for completion of the study issue.
- (a) Estimated work hours from the lead department 80
- (b) Estimated work hours from consultant(s): _____
- (c) Estimated work hours from the City Attorney's Office: _____
- (d) List any other department(s) and number of work hours:
- Department(s): _____
- Total Estimated Hours: 80
7. Expected participation involved in the study issue process?
- (a) Does Council need to approve a work plan? No
- (b) Does this issue require review by a Board/Commission? Yes
- If so, which Board/Commission? BPAC
- (c) Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No
- (d) What is the public participation process? BPAC, and City Council public hearings

8. Estimated Fiscal Impact:

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| Cost of Study | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Capital Budget Costs | \$ _____ |
| New Annual Operating Costs | \$ _____ |
| New Revenues or Savings | \$ _____ |
| 10 Year RAP Total | \$ _____ |

9. Staff Recommendation**Against Study**

Explain below staff's recommendation if "for" or "against" study. Department director should also note the relative importance of this study to other major projects that the department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

As presented, this issue is an operations issue not a policy decision. Staff reviews construction operations with the BPAC currently, and has taken additional steps recently to inform and gather feedback from the BPAC on downtown construction issues. Staff does not believe City Policy is affected by this issue, nor is further action required. Staff recommends against Council studying this operational issue because its precedent setting potential to open other operational issues for study. This kind of action would involve Council and appointed officials in all routine functions of City staff and would significantly effect the City day to day operations.

City Council Policy direction regarding the accommodation of bicycles and pedestrians exists and staff has been diligently trying to address concerns that have been raised. Several positive steps have been taken, and staff always has the safety of the community, be it bicyclists, pedestrians, or anyone, in mind.

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Department Director_____
Date*approved by*_____
City Manager_____
Date